Family and Friends Update 8.7.2020

Dear Family & Friends,

Before today's update, I want to share my sincere gratitude with you. I'm incredibly honored you have chosen the Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls to provide your loved one with the care and services they need— especially during these uncertain times. On behalf of our entire team: thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve you and your loved one.

Covid Updates

It is my pleasure to share with you that we continue to have zero diagnosed COVID-19 cases among our members and staff. However, as you know, Covid is widespread. It is in many other local nursing homes, healthcare facilities, as well as other Veterans Homes. Rest assured—we're still closely following all guidance from federal, state, and local health officials and continue taking every appropriate step to limit the spread of this virus.

Gazebo Gatherings & Connecting With Your Loved One

Our Gazebo Gatherings continue to go well. We continue to take every precaution to ensure these are as safe as possible. As a reminder, each member can have one Gazebo Gathering per month. We still have several members who do not have a Gazebo Gathering scheduled for August.

If your loved one does NOT have a Gazebo Gathering scheduled yet, please call the receptionist before Tuesday, August 18th to schedule their first visit this month, if he/she would like one. After August 18th, we will allow members to have another visit from other family (who haven't been here yet this month), as time slots are available. Please coordinate with your whole family as to who will be attending these visits. Two guests are allowed at each gathering. We are also taking reservations for Gazebo Gatherings in September. Please call the receptionist at 715.720.6775 to reserve your gathering.

As a reminder, there are several ways to connect with your loved one, such as: window visits; virtual visits (FaceTime, Skype, Zoom, etc.); telephone calls; and letters through the mail. Please call the activity department if you would like to schedule a virtual visit. Window visits do not need to be scheduled.

Hand Sanitizer: FDA Update

Lastly, an update came out recently from the FDA that some hand sanitizers contain products that are unsafe. You can go on the FDA's website here to find more information: https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-consumers-should-not-use#products

Thank you for being so supportive throughout this pandemic. If you need anything at all, please contact us.

Best,

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